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Sub-Commission on Prevention of
Discrimination and Protection
of Minorities
Forty-seventh session

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

Duration and venue of the session

1. The forty-seventh session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 31 July to 25 August 1995. The first meeting will be convened at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 31 July 1995.

Provisional agenda

2. The provisional agenda, prepared in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, is reproduced below.

Pre-sessional working groups

3. In accordance with previous decisions, the forty-seventh session of the Sub-Commission will be preceded by meetings of four working groups as follows:

(a) Working Group on Communications, established pursuant to paragraph 1 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970. This Working Group of five members of the Sub-Commission will meet for two weeks prior to the forty-seventh session, from 17 to 28 July 1995;

(b) Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, established pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI) of 17 May 1974. In accordance with the arrangements endorsed by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1993/27 of 5 March 1993, this Working Group of five members of the Sub-Commission met for eight working days prior to the forty-seventh session of the Sub-Commission, from 25 April to 4 May 1994;

(c) Working Group on Indigenous Populations, established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34 of 7 May 1982. This Working Group of five members of the Sub-Commission will meet for one week prior to the forty-seventh session of the Sub-Commission, from 24 to 28 July 1995;

(d) Working Group on Minorities. In its resolution 1995/24 of 3 March 1995, the Commission on Human Rights, noting Sub-Commission resolution 1994/4 of 19 August 1994, decided to authorize the Sub-Commission to establish, initially for a three-year period, an inter-sessional working group consisting of five of its members, to meet each year for five working days in order to promote the rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities. By its decision 1994/115 of 24 August 1994, the Sub-Commission decided that on condition that the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council authorized the establishment of the working group and provide for its budget for 1995, the working group would meet for five working days immediately prior to the forty-seventh session of the Sub-Commission in 1995. By the same decision the Sub-Commission approved the following composition of the pre-sessional working group of the Sub-Commission: Mr. José Bengoa (Latin America), Mr. Asbjørn Eide (Western Europe), Mr. Ahmed Khalil (Africa), Mr. Tofazzal H. Khan (Asia) and Mr. Stanislav V. Chernichenko (Eastern Europe). Subject to the approval of the Economic and Social Council, the Working Group is scheduled to meet from 24 to 28 July 1995.

In-session working groups

4. Since its thirty-fourth session in 1981, the Sub-Commission has established a sessional working group to assist it in relation to its annual review of developments concerning the human rights of persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment. By its decision 1994/104 of 2 August 1994, the Sub-Commission decided, inter alia, to establish a sessional working group on the administration of justice and the question of compensation in place of a sessional working group on detention.

5. By its decision 1994/105 of 2 August 1994, the Sub-Commission decided to establish a sessional working group on methods of work of the Sub-Commission.

6. The Sub-Commission may wish to consider establishing such sessional working groups at its forty-seventh session.

7. The annotations to the items listed in the provisional agenda will be issued as an addendum to the present document.

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Review of the work of the Sub-Commission.
4. Review of further developments in fields with which the Sub-Commission has been concerned.
5. Elimination of racial discrimination:
 - (a) Measures to combat racism and racial discrimination and the role of the Sub-Commission;
 - (b) Monitoring the transition to democracy in South Africa.
6. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories: report of the Sub-Commission under Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXIII).
7. The new international economic order and the promotion of human rights:
 - (a) The role and equal participation of women in development.
8. The realization of economic, social and cultural rights.
9. Communications concerning human rights: report of the Working Group established under Sub-Commission resolution 2 (XXIV) in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII).
10. The administration of justice and the human rights of detainees:
 - (a) Question of human rights and states of emergency;
 - (b) Individualization of prosecution and penalties, and repercussions of violations of human rights on families;
 - (c) Application of international standards concerning the human rights of detained juveniles;
 - (d) Independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors and the independence of lawyers;
 - (e) Question of the impunity of perpetrators of violations of human rights.
11. The implementation of the human rights of women.
12. Human rights and scientific and technological developments.

13. Elimination of all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief.
14. International peace and security as an essential condition for the enjoyment of human rights, above all the right to life.
15. Discrimination against indigenous peoples.
16. Contemporary forms of slavery.
17. Promotion, protection and restoration of human rights at national, regional and international levels:
 - (a) Prevention of discrimination and protection of children: human rights and youth;
 - (b) Human rights and disability.
18. Protection of minorities.
19. Freedom of movement:
 - (a) Situation of migrant workers and members of their families;
 - (b) Population displacements.
20. Implications of humanitarian activities for the enjoyment of human rights.
21. Comprehensive examination of thematic issues relating to racism, xenophobia, minorities and migrant workers.
22. Consideration of the future work of the Sub-Commission and of the draft provisional agenda for the forty-eighth session of the Sub-Commission.
23. Adoption of the report of the forty-seventh session.
